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Cultivable waste land in South Kanara.

* 362 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable waste land in South Kanara district; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any scheme to bring them under cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:— "(*a*) 213,284 acres in fasli 1361.

"(*b*) Yes, Sir; by assigning cultivable waste land to any landless and poor person likely to take to direct cultivation."

SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"Have the Government received any recommendation from the District Food Production Committee, South Kanara, to the effect that long-term leases of waste lands may be granted for the purpose of food production?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:— "I am not aware of any such recommendation so far."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that there is a conflict between the provision in the Preservation of Private Forests Act which defines a forest as including lands on which even shrubs grow and this policy of leasing waste lands which requires clearance of lands?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"I do not see how this supplementary question arises out of the main question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"The supplementary question is directly connected with the main question."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"We shall resolve the conflict as far as possible."

Gruel centres for handloom weavers.

* 363 *Q.*—SRI D. K. RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 9-10 a.m.

(*a*) the conditions required for opening of gruel centres in mufassal districts; and

(*b*) whether gruel centres were opened exclusively for the benefit of handloom weavers in urban areas only?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:— "(*a*) Gruel centres are generally opened in areas where acute distress prevails and relief is necessary.

"(*b*) Yes; special gruel centres have been opened in all big *urban weaving* centres for the relief of old and infirm weavers and their children."

SRI D. K. RAJU:—"Sir, was there any representation from the Collector of the district that not only the handloom weavers but also other suffering people must be given gruel?"